

Inside this bag were his twin ivory handled Colt .45s—might as well have been the Hope Diamond itself.

Well, when it came to sentencing I really had no choice in the matter. This was the Lone Ranger after all and he had been wronged. It was my duty as a Texan and a man of the law to punish this outlaw in the name of everything holy and sacred—600 hours shoveling manure at the Houston Police Department Mounted Patrol stables.

And through it all, I refused to reveal the true identity of the Lone Ranger. I allowed him to remain “masked” and wear his white hat in the court—even over the loud objections of the defense attorney. I was not about to go down in history as the man who un-masked the Lone Ranger!

These lawmen have always had a certain swagger; a certain something about them that made them Rangers. Another legendary Ranger, who lived up to his nickname, “Rip” (Rest in Peace) Ford said this about the men that served under him: “A large proportion . . . were unmarried. A few of them drank intoxicating liquors. Still, it was a company of sober and brave men. They knew their duty and they did it. While in a town they made no braggadocio demonstration. They did not gallop through the streets, shoot, and yell. They had a specie of moral discipline which developed moral courage. They did right because it was right.”

Whether they be fact or fiction, Texas Rangers are a special breed. But, would we really expect anything less from Texas? Nowadays they mainly work alone. They are the finest law enforcement agency in the world.

By the way, Ranger Captain Bill McDonald successfully stopped the Dallas Prize Fight Riot—by himself.

And that’s just the way it is.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. RITA S. JONES

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Rita S. Jones who is retiring as superintendent of Great Valley School District in Chester County, Pennsylvania after faithfully serving more than 39 years as a dedicated teacher and outstanding administrator.

Dr. Jones started her distinguished career in a third-grade classroom in Johnstown, Ohio in 1971. She came to Pennsylvania in 1978 as assistant superintendent/director of special projects in the Downingtown School District and then became superintendent in the Daniel Boone School District in 1986. For the last 16 years, Dr. Jones has served as superintendent at Great Valley.

Dr. Jones has earned the respect of parents, teachers and staff for her excellent leadership and contagious optimism while challenging teachers and students to work hard and maximize their potential. Fellow educators throughout the state recognized Dr. Jones’ commitment to a high standard of educational excellence in 1998 when she was named Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year.

After the school day ended, Dr. Jones continued serving her community by giving her

time and talents to the Brandywine Branch of the American Red Cross, The March of Dimes, Chester County Futures and several other professional and civic organizations.

Colleagues and friends will celebrate her wonderful career on Monday, June 22, 2009 during a dinner at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Malvern.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Dr. Rita S. Jones for her 39 years of distinguished service as a teacher and administrator and recognizing her unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman RALPH M. HALL

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: 19th and University Avenue, Mail Stop 2131, Lubbock, TX 79404

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Engineering Support For Extended Human and Robotic Space Flight Missions with Texas Tech University at Abilene. Funding for this project will contribute directly to NASA’s initiative of returning to the moon and further exploring Mars. For human and robotic missions, the center for Space Sciences is addressing the need for a decrease reliance on mission control due to the communication delays that occur in long distance missions. For human missions the center is also addressing the need for greater autonomy in dealing with the physical needs of the astronauts, including long term water recycling, which currently limits the habitation period possible without re-supply, and the ergonomics and human factors aspect of human performance in zero and reduced gravity environments. The major research areas will include recyclable/renewable water resources, autonomous/renewable control systems and ergonomics/human factors crew support. This project supports the space flight industry and related programs throughout Texas. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. MURIEL A. HOWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Dr. Muriel A. Howard of Western New York. After serving as president of Buffalo State College for 13 years, Dr. Howard will leave to become the president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. It is my privilege to highlight Dr. Muriel A. Howard as a woman whose extraordinary efforts as president of Buffalo State College have forever shaped and enhanced this fine institution in the 27th Congressional District.

Born in North Carolina, Dr. Howard was raised on a farm in Wilmington along with her five siblings. Dr. Howard learned at an early age the importance of hard work and social responsibility. Her parents and grandparents instilled the importance of education in their children. Dr. Howard always sat in the front row, excited and eager to learn. When her parents chose to move the family to Queens, education remained the top priority. Her mother drove her children to the best school in Queens.

Dr. Howard continued her education at City University of New York’s Richmond College where she received a degree in sociology and a minor in education. Dr. Howard also has a master’s degree in education from the University at Buffalo, and a doctorate of philosophy, in educational organization, administration, and policy from the University at Buffalo. At Harvard University, she earned a certificate in the Institute for Educational Management.

Accordingly, University at Buffalo presented Dr. Howard with leadership opportunities. She served as vice president of public service and urban affairs for 23 years, becoming the first woman to serve as vice president at SUNY Buffalo. Dr. Howard’s distinction as one of Western New York’s finest leaders led to the honor of being named the seventh president of Buffalo State College—the first woman president at the institution.

At Buffalo State College, Dr. Howard challenged the status quo and transformed it into a diversified college. The college is now known for its leadership in arts and culture because of the new \$30 million Burchfield Penney Art Center that would not have been possible without her efforts.

Nationally, Dr. Howard has been a leader in education. She has been involved on a number of boards including: the American Council of Education; the Division III President’s Council of the National Collegiate Athletics Association; the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Merchants Insurance Company, Farm Credit Services of Western New York, and the Fleet Bank Community Relations Advisory Board.

Dr. Howard also has served the great state of New York through many organizations such as the New York State Department of Education Commissioner’s Council on Higher Education, the New York State Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Leadership and the State University of New York Advisory Council on Teacher Education to name a few.

Her unrelenting devotion and selfless service will be missed at Buffalo State College and

in the Western New York community. On behalf of the Western New York Community, I thank Dr. Muriel A. Howard for her friendship, and for her service to Western New York and Buffalo State College. I congratulate Dr. Howard on this most recent achievement and wish her the best of success as she assumes the role of president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. I look forward to continuing the partnership we've formed and with gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring an extraordinary woman of New York's 27th Congressional District, Dr. Muriel A. Howard.

IN RECOGNITION OF VEGAN
EARTH DAY 2009 AT PIERCE COL-
LEGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Vegan Earth Day 2009. On June 21, 2009 members of the community will promote and celebrate the healthy and environmentally sound, vegan lifestyle, abstaining from the consumption or use of animals or any animal bi-products.

Studies show that a vegan saves a ton and a half of carbon emissions per year. Vegans also require much less water in the production of their food. With the effects of climate change becoming more evident and water becoming more of a precious commodity, these individuals are leading the way to a cleaner and greener future by promoting the consumption of fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains and other organic foods. I also stand in recognition of the event's organizer, Bob Linden, as he continues to demonstrate outstanding leadership on conservation, humane treatment of animals, and healthy eating habits. This year's Vegan Earth Day will feature environmental and health experts, live music, animal adoptions and activities for kids that set the stage for other organizations across the country to follow in their footsteps.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the program coordinator, Bob Linden, Pierce College, and the event volunteers as they celebrate Vegan Earth Day. I stand in recognition of the important contributions such an event will add to the promotion of living environmentally-conscious lifestyles across the country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed rollcall votes No. 365, No. 378, No. 388, and No. 395. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 365: "no"; rollcall No. 378: "no"; rollcall No. 388: "yes"; rollcall No. 395: "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed one vote. I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 365, on agreeing to the Hodes of New Hampshire Amendment to H.R. 2847, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING EFFORTS TO END
HOMELESSNESS IN HUDSON
COUNTY

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor efforts in my district to end homelessness. County and municipal governments, non-profit organizations, and business leaders, with guidance from the federal government, have joined together to end chronic homelessness. For nearly three years, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Hudson County has worked collaboratively to develop the ten-year plan with input from government officials, non-profit organizations, and those agencies working closely with Hudson County's homeless population. The Alliance's ten-year plan consists of 45 action steps to end homelessness that includes building 650 units of housing and providing health care and support services to homeless individuals and homeless families dealing with temporary dislocation due to fire, job loss, domestic abuse and other crisis. This collaboration is important because wide support is needed to solve this problem. Recognizing that, United Way of Hudson County is honoring TD Bank for their work to end homelessness; Governor Jon Corzine for his leadership in the state on this issue; and Dr. Philip Mangano the former Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council to End Homelessness for his guidance and advice in establishing Hudson County's Alliance. So I rise today to offer my support to the United Way of Hudson County and the Alliance to End Homelessness in Hudson County and I wish them continued success in their fight against homelessness.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO GOLDEN
HERITAGE FOODS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an exceptional company located in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Golden Heritage Foods, a successful honey processing and distribution company, was named the 2009 "Enterprise of the Year."

Madam Speaker, there is no question that local businesses serve as one of the key building blocks of our state. Golden Heritage

Foods was established in 2002 through the joining of Barkman Honey Company located in Hillsboro, Kansas, and Stoller's Honey in Latty, Ohio. Since that time, the company has grown to become the second leading producer of branded retail honey sales and the top provider of honey in the United States to the food service industry.

While the company itself is relatively young, their legacy was well established prior to its founding due to over 40 years of hard work and dedication exhibited by both the Barkman and Stoller families. Not only has Golden Heritage Foods provided quality products since their opening, they have also created over 100 jobs for the citizens of Kansas and Ohio.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Golden Heritage Foods and its founders, Brent Barkman and Dwight Stoller. Our communities are well served by having dedicated entrepreneurs who assist in the growth and prosperity of our great nation. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great company on being named Van Wert, Ohio's 2009 "Enterprise of the Year" and wish them success in all future endeavors.

WE STAND UNITED FOR FREEDOM

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to show support for those in Iran who are standing up for their rights and for those who seek freedom across the globe.

Tyrants who use violence and fear to suppress the voices of their citizens who seek freedom lose their legitimacy to govern.

Those who seek freedom and liberty across this globe must know that the American people stand with you.

We stand with you because we have a supreme desire to live up to the belief espoused in the founding document of our nation—

We hold these truths to be self evident—that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

And to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

That is why we stand consistently with nations who conduct free, fair, and open elections.

That is why we stand with citizens of nations who are brave enough to stand up and demand their freedom.

America does not seek to impose any individual on the Iranian government or the Iranian people.

But America will always stand with those who peacefully demand their voices are heard.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE L. FORBES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 19, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of George L. Forbes and in